3. This Executive Order does not affect the current authority and responsibility of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene with respect to the investigation of suspected fraud or overpayment of benefits under programs administered by it, or of the State Income Maintenance Investigative Unit in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for the conduct of any of these investigations in cooperation with the Social Services Administration and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER OF AUGUST 26, 1977

## 01.01.1977.06 APPROVAL OF VETERANS' PROGRAMS

- WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education was designated in 1966 as the State agency responsible under Veterans Administration laws for the approval for veterans' benefits of training programs offered to veterans by institutions in Maryland; and
- WHEREAS, The training programs available to Maryland veterans include not only traditional educational courses offered by State institutions of higher education but also occupational training programs offered both by institutions and private employers, in the form of apprenticeship and on-the-job training courses; and
- WHEREAS, The Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council was created by the Maryland General Assembly for the purpose of formulating policies and standards for apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for apprenticeable occupations in Maryland; and
- WHEREAS, The delivery of services to Maryland veterans will be better served by the designation of a single agency to approve apprenticeship and on-the-job training programs for veterans' benefits, while also establishing standards and policies for the registration of such programs in apprenticeable occupations for all Maryland citizens, veteran and non-veteran; and
- WHEREAS, The current designation of the Maryland Department of Education as the State approving agency under Veterans Administration law no longer reflects